A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) No; except in three cases.
(*b*) No.

Procurement and Sale of Jowar

**Q.*—304. Sri M. RAMAPPA (Hosadurga).—

Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to State :—

the rate at which Jola was procured from the agriculturists by way of levy and the rate at which it was sold to the public during this season ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

Purchase prices

		Rs.
White Jowar	...	54 per quintal.
Red/Yellow Jowar	...	52 per quintal.

Retail Issue Prices.

White Jowar	...	73 per quintal.
Red/Yellow Jowar	...	71 per quintal.

Purchase and Sale Price of Foodgrains

** Q.*—436. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY (Chicknayakanahally).—

Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the rate of purchase of Paddy, Ragi, Jowar and Bajra by levy ;

(*b*) the rate of sale of Rice, Ragi, Jowar and Bajra ;

(*c*) whether it is not possible to reduce the rate of handling charges of these items of foodgrains ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Purchase Prices.

Paddy—

(*Rs. per quintal*)

			Raw	*Boiled*
Fine	...	...	25	50-50
Midfine	...	...	49	47-00
Medium	...	...	46	44-50
Coarse	...	...	45	43-50
Ragi	...	...	52-00	

		Rs. per quintal	
		Raw	Boiled
Jowar—			
Red/Yellow	... ...	52-00	
White	... ...	54-00	
Bajra	... ...	54-00	

(*b*) Retail selling prices (rupees per K.G.)

Rice—			
Fine	... ...	00-99	00-98
Midfine	... ...	00-94	00-93
Medium	... ...	00-90	00-89
Coarse	... ...	00-88	00-87
Ragi—	... ...	00-71	
Jowar—			
Red/Yellow	... ...	00-71	
White	... ...	00-73	
Bajra	... ...	00-73	

(*c*) No.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—293ನೆಯ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯ (ಎ)ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಮೂರು ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಹಣವನ್ನು ತಡವಾಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಮೂರು ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳು ಯಾವುವು ಮತ್ತು ಏಕೆ ತಡವಾಗಿ ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have not been able to get the names of the three persons. But the reason for not paying immediately was as they had shared their levy paddy only partially and had accepted to give the balance later on. Government thought that the lumpsum should be paid when the remaining portion of the levy is given.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—How are the handling charges different in the private sector from the handling charges in the Government sector ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Sir, nobody can question about the proportion of the handling charges of the private persons. But, if it is done on behalf of the recognised agents, they will have to answer all the questions put to the Government. There cannot be any comparison between the private agent and the Government agency, because the merchants can purchase and sell wherever the prices are better. Private agents are bound to procure from the village and to keep the stock for the whole year.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಸರಕಾರ ಬತ್ತ, ಜೋಳ ವಗೈರೆ ಖರೀದಿಮಾಡುವುದು ಸೊಸೈಟಿ ಮೂಲಕ. ಆದರೆ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸರಕಾರ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ಒದಗಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಬಹಳಷ್ಟು ಜನರು ಆಹಾರ ಧಾನ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗೆ ಮಾರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂದಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಸರಕಾರ ಕೊಡುವ ದರ ಕೂಡ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಬಹಳ ಕಡಮೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಜನರು ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗೆ ಕೊಡಲು ತಯಾರಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಅವರು ಹೇಳುವುದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ, ಅದು ನಿಜವಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಕಳೆದ ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ರೆವಿ ವಸೂಲಾಗಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಧಾನ್ಯ ಹಂಚುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—There is difference of Rs. 20 between the procurement rate and the selling rate. May I know the break up of this figure?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The difference is not Rs. 20 but it is only Rs. 19. The details are given in the cost sheet. If I am permitted to read, I will read.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is better to circulate the cost sheet for the benefit of the members so that we may know the break up and also other necessary information. Will you kindly do that?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The cost sheet has been circulated. If the Hon'ble member has not received it, I will give him another copy. If further details are necessary, I am prepared to give.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The details may be placed on the table of the House. If any explantation is needed with regard to these questions the hon'ble minister may explain.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Only two things have to be explained. One of them is charges of Rs. 5.80 which has not been given in the list. I will explain what it is. This is payable to Taluka agent.

Rs. 5.80 :

Transport charges from the collection point to the storage point, handling, weighment, market cess, and other incidental charges	...	1.50
Fumigation and other treatment for preserving foodgrains in good condition	...	0.10
Storage charges	...	0.30
Insurance	...	0.10
Additional charges from the storage point to the Mill point	...	0.50
Filling the bag with rice, stitching weighment, etc.	...	0.10
Interest on Capital (8.5 per cent for 8 months)	...	3.20
Total Rs.	...	5.80

The details for Rs. 4.22 when one quintal of paddy converted into rice. The charges works out to Rs. 6.03. This is as follows :

Stabilization fund	...	1.75
Administration charges (Food Department)	...	1.75
Transport charges	...	2.53
Total Rs.	...	6.03

These are the details.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know whether you have not paid money for these three cases under question No. 293 ? May I know whether the Government is paying any interest for the three cases for which the payment is delayed ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Sir, the farmers concerned did not pay the ful levy.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—You said the ryots have not paid their levy fully. Have you paid interest for those cases where the levy has been paid in full and the delay is caused. Are you justified in not paying interest for such cases ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Payment has been made. Morally we are justified in paying the interest if there is any delay in payment.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಒಬ್ಬ ರೈತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಕೂಡದು ? ಡಿರೇ ಆದರೆ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಕೊಡುವುದು ಬೇಡವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಕಡಿಮೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಉಳಿದದ್ದನ್ನು ಕೊಡಲಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ 2—3 ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟಾಲ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತಡವಾಗಿದೆ ಅಷ್ಟೆ. ನೈತಿಕವಾಗಿ ನಷ್ಟ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಅಷ್ಟೆ.

Powers of Executive Engineer, Superintending Engineer and Chief Engineer

*Q.—318. Sri M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the powers of the Executive Engineer, Superintending Engineer and Chief Engineer of Public Works Department to sanction estimates of original works under irrigation and other heads ;

(*b*) whether powers to sanction original works are curtailed and if so, from what time ?

A.—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) *Vide* Statement appended.

(*b*) No.